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FYI. Media contact by Dave Farrer of DHS. He was also contacted by the Oregonian, KXL radio, and KPTV. Other reports:

The Portlander, 5/20/10

<http://theportlander.com/2010/05/20/dont-eat-fish-from-the-portland-harbor/>

The Oregonian, (Portland), 5/20/10

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2010/05/report_ok_to_swim_boat_in_port.html

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From: FARRER David.G
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I had an on-camera interview with Delia Hernandez from Univision. She asked a little bit about the history of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I told her that the harbor was listed as a Superfund Site in 2000 because of historical industrial pollution from the heavy industry along the harbor.

She asked me about the main chemicals of concern for public health. I told her that polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are the main chemical of concern because they last so long in the environment and build up in certain fish. I explained that bass, carp, and catfish are the main fish to watch out for and our website has the details of the fish advisory that we have out for Portland Harbor.

She asked whether swimming, boating, playing on the beach, etc. was a health concern. I answered that the health risk from chemicals from those kinds of activities is low, but that people should be aware of the risk for bacterial illness if swimming near combined sewage overflows after rainfall. I explained that the city of Portland is soon to finish a project that will fix that problem on the east side, and that it's already fixed on the west side. I also said that anyone who does swim or play in the water needs to wash well with soap and water before eating to reduce the risk of bacterial illness.

We were standing on the Steel Bridge for the interview, so I was able to show her the southern boundary of the Superfund Site.

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